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WOLCOTT vs. WALCOTT, ETC.

REMARKS BY S.C. EVANS

Riverside, California
1929

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WOLCOTT vs. WALCOTT etc.

Remarks by S. C. Evans of 675 - 8th St., Riverside, Riverside County, California, descendant of Samuel[1] Wolcott who m. Mercy Fosdick, May 27, 1725 (Chandler Wolcott Book, Pg. 364).
(Who was the father of this Samuel Wolcott)

1. One says that Samuel Wolcott who m. Mercy Fosdick could not be a descendant of Henry Wolcott because his name was spelled with an a and not with an o, but he does not say how he arrives at this conclusion, contrary to the very voluminous correspondence of 1911-12 hereinafter referred to.

2. Because Chandler Wolcott and previous compilers of Wolcott genealogy did not place Samuel as a descendant of Henry. I have studied this correspondence and have written and received many letters, and I find that previous to 1911 this said Samuel[1] Wolcott was not established, genealogically, and I have copied the most interesting correspondence which led to his identity and to that of FAMILY II. Pg. 364-375 of the Chandler Wolcott Book. There are yet alive a number of those who in 1911-12 had a part in this determination, the most prominent of whom, in this study, is Mr. Horace Henry Wolcott of Amherst, Mass. My second cousin, Mrs. Louise Barnum Robbins (deceased), of Adrian, Mich. took part in this 1911-12 correspondence with Chandler Wolcott, and she hired a genealogist, Miss E. F. Elliott, 59 Oxford St., Somerville, Mass. to make the search, all of which cost money and took time, and was never completed, or much done, back of this Samuel[1] Wolcott.

With the limited funds available, and the non-continuous search, it is doubtful if this much would have been found, had it not been for the very thorough reading, and constructive suggestions of Rev. W. H . Wolcott, (now deceased) of Long Beach, Calif., uncle of said Horace Henry Wolcott, then and now (1911-1928) of Amherst, Mass., and to whom reference will later be made herein.

3. The compilers of these various genealogies did not undertake difficult searches at their expense, as the correspondence and natural business relations would indicate, and because money has not been expended back of the point where the search showed difficulty, is no reason or argument why that difficulty cannot at this date be overcome by competent search for facts, without prejudice either for or against what it is desired to obtain.

4. See front of unnumbered page of Chandler Wolcott Book, before page 1, relating to The Great Seal of England etc. where the following is found relating to spelling the name:

"It will be observed that this instrument gives the Somersetshire orthography of the name -- Wolcott -- which has prevailed in this country; though the spelling of all names, as is well known, was less definite formerly than now. Of the ancient family letters written in England, the signature, the seal, and the superscription of the same letter present the name in three different forms."

Chandler Wolcott Book, previous pg. to this:

"The Wolcott Arms"

"These arms, which are of great antiquity, are identical with the Walcott Arms, and indicate the historical identity of the families."

Chandler Wolcott Book, Pg. 1:

"William and Thomas Wolcot are the names for the above year." (1525).

"I find that the name is invariably spelt Wol in Somersetshire, while in Shropshire, Lincolnshire, and other places, it is Wal."

Pg. 2.

"John Wolcott" "Wollcott"
"The body of John Wolcot"
" " " Johne Woolcot"

Pg. 3.

"wills of two John Wolcotts, of Tolland"
"father of Henry Wolcott, of Windsor"
"will of John Woolcott"
"overseers, Henry Woolcot and Roger Woolcot"
"will of John Wolcot the elder"
"unto John Wolcott"

then several Wolcott.

then "witnessed by Christopher Wolcott and
Henry Woollcott, his eldest sons --
being in the handwriting of the former."

Pg. 21.

"There is liberty granted to Mr. Israell Stoughton and Mr. Wulcotte"

Pg. 25, 27, 28, 29. "Wollcott".

Pg. 27.

"Your Loving brother to the uttermost of my power untill death."
"John Wollcott".

"To my Loving brother, Hennory Wollcott dwelling in Winsor" etc.,

and then on Pg. 30.

"Allwaies your Loving Brother till Death."
"John Walcott."

Pg. 30.

Also "Henrie Wollcott"

Pg. 33.

"Henry Woolcott"
"Christopher Woolcott"

PERSONAL LETTERS
from the correspondence referred to above.

In 1911-12 many of those who wrote letters and gave testimony, were old people, and they had had contact with even older people, all of whom had lived in this particular area principally of Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts, with related families in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, and some other near by states; with branches to Georgia and the Carolinas and to Virginia, and in a few cases elsewhere. The history of the families of Wethersfield, Litchfield, Goshen, Windsor, Hartford, Shoreham etc. is quite well known, and intermarriages have preserved in some families the history of several related families. Indeed in a number of different practically New England and near by town histories, war and registration data, deeds and old letters and newspaper accounts, the tie in to some of these family records is well and abundantly substantiated.

"Rochester, N. Y., November 17, 1911.

Mr. Horace H. Wolcott,
15 Spring St.,
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Since writing you yesterday I have come across in indexing the records the question as to where the Samuel Wolcott who married Mercy Fosdick, May 27, 1725, should be placed. As you are no doubt aware the children of Henry Wolcott who emigrated from England and was the ancestor of the family in this country were seven in number: John, Anna, Henry, George, Christopher, Mary and Simon. Of these Henry had a son Samuel, b. April 16, 1656. He married, March 6, 1678, Judith, daughter of Samuel Appleton, Esq., of Ipswich, Mass. Their eldest son, Samuel, b. April 11, 1679, married December 27, 1705, Abigail, daughter of Rev. Nathaniel Collins of Middletown. The foregoing is taken from the Wolcott Memorial which also gives the names of six children of the last named Samuel, the first born in 1707 and the last in 1720. It is also stated that Capt. Samuel Wolcott died Sept. 15, 1734.

Is it your idea that he is the one to whom you have assigned the No. 1 upon your Chart and whose marriage with Mercy Fosdick was a second marriage and that the names of the children which you give are those of his second family? At the present writing this seems to me to be the only place at which to connect him with our family. Before indexing all the names I should thank you to let me hear your opinion as to this point.

Of the names which you mention in your letter of the 7th those of Chester, Guy, Huldah and Seymour occur among the records which I have but, of course, this may be only a coincidence.

Yours very truly,

CHANDLER WOLCOTT.
Secretary-Treasurer.

99 Park Ave.,
Rochester, N. Y."

This, I take it, was but a guess, or a possible move in chess, and an entirely different solution may be found.

"Cheshire. August. 10.th. 1886

My dear Sir.

Mrs Fisk now visiting here has given me much and very interesting information concerning the Wolcotts family. Being a grandson of Moses and great grandson of Samuel Wolcott, one of the storming platoon at Ticonderoga and a decendant of Oliver Wolcott who signed the declaration of Independence and having been the Orator of the day nine times and having delivered among others the Centennial Oration to my townsmen July 4th 1886 &c &c &c I naturally feel some interest in the name and the fame of the Wolcott family. Oliver was the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States during the second term of Washington. I was a member of the house of representatives of Massachusetts in 1854, 34 years of age, graduated at Williams College 1844. Am a member of the bar of Massachusetts and of Virginia being called to Alexandria on the Potomac River in a very important case of forgery. I been to Washington twice and am the only surviving member of the family of Russels B. Wolcott. I have a son Henry B Wolcott of St Paul Nebraska 1976 miles from here but who is here now temporaly. My daughter graduated at Oberlin University three years ago, is now a member of the faculty of the University. Noble K Wolcott and my father and my grandfather would often speak of Almond Wolcott who appeared to be, in their estimation a prominent member of the Wolcott family. I know where is the burial place of Samuel Wolcott in this town. How he came to be here and die here would carry back into the Revolutionary War so far that the narration might become too long for a single letter. As you are growing old as well as myself and cannot come down here and see me and my son, why dont some of you come down here and find out something about us by a more particular personal acquaintance. I think you would find that I have done as well with my hands at the bellows as any of the rest. In early life I grasped at all forms of Knowledge. Hence I am a lande Surveyor, Civil Engineer, fiddler, flutist, flageolit, and a little on a piano. I have acquired something of the eloquence of the Orator, the charms of the Poet and the song of the minstrel. But I am getting egotistic I fear. However, I hope at some time to get up to Shoreham and take by the hand the surviving posterity of Oliver Wolcott.

Yours truly. JOHN C. WOLCOTT

Oct 22. 1886.

You see I beg this letter last. summer but I send it on now for I am very buisy all the time.

JCW

It would be gratifying to hear from you"

The above letter supposedly from H . H. Wolcott of Amherst.

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"Adrian. Mich.
Aug. 24. 1911.

My dear Cousin H. H. Wolcott.

Your deeply interesting letter came this afternoon, and I have read it with interest and satisfaction. How kind of you to copy all this matter for me!

I can almost say that the Charlestown Samuel - who m. Mercy Fosdick in 1725 is our ancestor and the father of Samuel of Shoreham. It seems to me that everything points that way now. And the names in the Fosdick family - William Jesse - and Susanna - the

latter after Susanna Turner - Our Samuel had a dau. Susanna who m. Zaccheus Barnum - in 1789 - Lucy and Susanna married Barnum bro's - Then Lucy (Wolcott) Barnum named her only two daughters Susanna and Lucy. -

Now the next thing it seems to me is to find out who was the father of the Samuel who m. Mercy Fosdick; that if is if he is the father of our Samuel of Shoreham as the Wyman book states.

No other Samuel Wolcott went to Shoreham in our early day but one family of Wolcotts.

LOUISE B. ROBBINS."

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Extracts from:-

"National Council of Women of
the United States
Ex
Office of the Corresponding
Secretary,
25 Broad Street, Adrian, Mich.
Feb. 27, 1911.

Mr. Horace H. Wolcott.
Amherst, Mass.

My dear sir and cousin.

I was much pleased to receive your interesting letter this morning and to hear that you, too, are interested in tracing the lineage of our mutual ancestor, Samuel Wolcott, the founder of the Wolcotts of Shoreham, Vt. He was my gr-gr-grand father also, as his daughter, Lucy, married Stephen Barnum and they were my gr-grand parents. So, my dear sir, you see that we are distant cousins, and I am delighted to hear from you.

There is no doubt but that we do descend from Henry (1) of Windsor, but it is still unproven so far as I know. I am still at work and hope to succeed. If I do I shall be happy to share the information with you, you may rest assured.

Did you visit the two cemeteries in Shoreham? I found them very interesting as my ancestors on three lines are buried there.

Have you ever seen Goodhue's "History of the Town of Shoreham"? That states that Samuel Wolcott lived in Shoreham after his return in 1783 until his death which occurred in Conn. or Mass. where he had gone on a visit - but the date and place of his death is not given. I do not know the date of his birth, but his family must have been pretty well grown up when he came to S___ You know that he and his son Samuel, Jr. entered Ticonderoga with Ethan Allen on that fateful morning of May 10, 1775. There were nine men in the party from Shoreham.

My gr-grand father's, Stephens Barnum's place was also on Cream Hill, not far from Samuel Wolcott's -- Did you drive all about there?

I have the church records of the Wolcotts and also some land records. So you will not need to copy them for me. Thank you.

It was a tradition in our family that we were descendants of the "signer". My great aunt, Lucy Wolcott Catlin, who was Samuel's grand daughter, and a dau of Lucy used to tell us, "Remember -- we are descended from distinguished lineage" - the signer etc" -- etc -- I never doubted it until I looked it up. She must have heard it talked in her mother's family. If we could only talk with Samuel and find out who was his father, who his mothers etc - wouldn't it be fine?

I shall hope to hear from you again and that we may keep in touch, and I should like to meet you, for I assure you that my kin, though distant, are dear to me.

I find gencalogical work fascinating and the more I find out of those far off ancestors the more pleased I am.

I was admitted to the Colonial Dames of Mass. on the service of several men on my grand mother Barnum's line -- and I shall get out supplementals on other lines. I entered the D.A.R. on the Rev. War service of Stephen Barnum - and our chapter here of which I am the founder and regent is named after my gr-grand mother, Lucy Wolcott Barnum.

Hoping that I may soon receive some informations which I am expecting, and which will help us in this Wolcott lineage, and which I will share with you -- and hoping to hear from you again. I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs.) LOUISE BARNUM ROBBINS."

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"Adrian. Mich.
July 14, 1911,

My dear Cousin Horace-

I send by this mail under another cover the report of Miss Elliot which came last Saturday - (I had asked her to send me two type written copies,) so that I could send one to you -- She only sent one chart of Lucy Wright's ancestry - and so I immediately sent to Boston for several charts and they came this morning -- and I have filled one out and am sending it with the report.

I enclose herein Miss Elliot's bill for you to look over and return to me.

The Heminway study was before he had the clue of "A Wright of Withersfield" -- We thought that Samuel's wife might have been a Heminway because in the land records of Shoreham-" 20 May. 1783. Samuel H eminway of Shrewsbury, Mass. "for love and good will conveyed to Samuel Wolcott 50 acres of land in Shoreham" etc --- and 22 Aug. 1783, Daniel Heminway of Shrewsbury -- "for friendship, love and good conveyed to Jesse Wolcott of Shoreham.---- land of which Daniel Boyden was the original grantee" -- So there were two gift deeds from Heminways of Shrewsbury to Wolcotts of Shoreham - That looks as though there was some relationship -- but none was discovered.

I shall not have Miss Elliot do any more work at present. She does not seem to get onto the right track to trace Samuel back -- I am disappointed in her failure so far - but much pleased over Lucy Wright's ancestry -- It is a good line - Please return the bill--

Yours truly
LOUISE B. ROBBINS."

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Here is a wild guess or supposition, for which I find no reason:

"I sometimes think that Joshiah[3] and Mary had a son whom they gave up to some one else -- with the babies coming so fast."

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To Horace H. Wolcott.

"Adrian. Mich. Aug. 19. 1911.

My good Cousin -

Yours of 17th came an hour ago -- with its enclosed letter from your Uncle Wm. This you may be sure surprises and interests me -- the contents of his letter bringing a new side to the question of the ancestry of our Samuel. I never received any communication from your uncle giving any reference at all to "Wyman's Genealogy and Estates of Charlestown" -- So he must be mistaken about sending it to me -- or Uncle Sam lost it. -- I know that he used the word Charlestown, Mass - in connection with Goshen - and Shoreham - That is all. I am a good deal stirred by these references from the Wyman work. I do not wonder that your Uncle is as he writes "still embarrassed by it."

I actually almost think that Samuel Wolcot and Mercy Fosdick are the parents of our Samuel. This son Samuel's baptismal date would be all right -- etc.

The different ways of spelling the name amounts to nothing as an argument against it. -- Even in the Shoreham records the name was Samuel Woolcott in several places -- Wolcot - etc - It was in with many names I have found in my D. A. R. work helping our ladies to prove their lines - service, etc. -- The spelling of the name Wolcot matters not -- Yes, our Samuel moved about until he finally got settled in Shoreham in 1783. --

We must remember too, that Henry ! - when he came to America lived in Mass, five or six years before going to Windsor -- and of course some of his descendants went back to Mass. -- as Salem -- -- As to Dr. Fernald's suggestion that another family may have come from Eng. -- Of course, but is there any record of such? Certainly this record in Wyman's Gen -- is deeply interesting to me. -- Somehow we must sift it out. I wish I had known it when Miss Elliot was at work on it.-- I hesitate now to start her in again -- but may later on. I will think it over --

I am glad that you can go to Wethersfield -- You will feel better satisfied -- and I, too -- if you make the search

there as you plan, -- for I think you have some points that Miss Elliot did not catch on to when she was there.

I had hoped to get track of some old Wolcot bibles -- and thus trace our Samuel -- but have not so far -- Lucy Wolcott Barnum's family bible is in Freeport, Ill. -- Her youngest dau. -- had it - and lived in Freeport -- but it does not go back of herself --

Probably that "Wyman's Gen & Estates" is in the New England Historical and Genealogical Library, Boston. Probably that is what your uncle meant. I think I will wait now as you go so soon to Wethersfield -- hoping that you will find out something conclusive -- Of course we are descendants of the Conn. Wolcotts -- I have no doubt of it, and believe it will be so proven, but as you say, it may take years of patient work. I shall - (D. V.) certainly go East sometime within a year -- and this work makes me more than ever anxious to be there. in Boston.

It is not strange that in that early day -- with slow and bad communication -- with families moving on and on -- trying to get a living out of the wilderness, that links were lost - etc. I am so glad that you are interested, and I have great faith that all pulling together we shall succeed in good time -

Your Uncle's information has been invaluable in many ways in the past - as in a Wright - etc - as is your help, -

I have copied from your Uncle's letter and herein return it with many thanks for the privilege of reading it.

I do a lot of thinking, but I am so far from the base of operations or any good gen. libraries that I cannot do much personally -- That is why I have had to employ a genealogist - so much.

But I must stop --

Again thanking you for all assistance and suggestions -

Your letters are food for me.

Our combined thought and labor must succeed --

Cordially --

LOUISE B. ROBBINS"

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"Adrian. Mich.
Sept 12. 1911.

My dear Cousin --

I am anticipating news from you soon -- and in the meantime I want to know if you are sure of the Charlestown Samuel being our ancestor. Miss Elliot writes me that Wyman is one of the most reliable authorities and that she owns a copy -- (Strange she had not found this about the deed etc) after I wrote her about it. She went to East Cambridge and saw the deed -- found that Jesse also signed the deed -- Lucy Wolcott Barnum died in 1899 and that accounts for her not signing the deed - Wonder why William, Samuel and Moses did not, -- That deed is conclusive surely.

Now do you know that that Fosdick line is a good one?

Mercy's grand father was "Samuel Fosdick - (1655-1702-) - A Captain of forces raised for the defense of New London Co. 1697 - Deputy from New London, 1694, 1696, - 1700."

(From the Conn. and Mass. Colonial Dames Registers) which I have.

Miss Elliot sent me a rough chart - giving the Fosdick line from Wyman. -- The Fosdicks were New London people as no doubt you know.

Well, it is all getting as interesting as a novel, and doubtless there were romances in those early days just as at the present time -- I wish we could know of them.

Have you traced any farther back than Samuel Sr. of Charlestown?-

I hope I am not a nuisance asking questions.

Appreciating your interest and helpfulness, I am, pulling with you, and hoping that we go back to Henry (1) --

Yours faithfully

LOUISE B. ROBBINS.

P. S. I looked in my Colonial Dame Registers - Conn. & Mass. and found the record of Capt. Samuel Fosdick in each one - Four women are down as his descendants. -- Miss Elliot did not write me of that. The dates of his b. & death are the same as Wyman gives - so same man."

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"Adrian - Sept. 18./11-

Dear Cousin Horace -

I have great good news for you -

A Mayflower line and Elder William Brewster. It comes through Mercy Fosdick's grand mother, Mercy Pickett. She was the daughter of John Pickett of New London and his wife Ruth Brewster, daughter of Jonathan[2] Brewster and grand daughter of Elder William[1]. Isn't that glorious?

I have often wished I could trace a line to the Mayflower, but never had the faintest hope of it.

How strange things come about! Looking for one thing we find something else of importance! This line must account for the little puritanical streak I have always felt was in me.

When I saw that Capt. Samuel Fosdick was the grand father of Mercy F___ I wrote to Miss Elliot to look up the Fosdick and Turner lines -- never dreaming where the Mercy Pickett came from -- A short letter from Miss Elliot this morning tells me the above - good news, and that she will follow with a chart.

Isn't it splendid?

Yours hastily
LOUISE B. ROBBINS.

I am sending a line also to your Uncle Wm - How pleased he will be!

P. S. Both Elder William and Jonathan Brewster as well as Capt. Samuel Fosdick give Colonial Dame eligibility- but the best of all is to be descended from Mayflower men.

(Last page of memoranda from Louise B. Robbins' letter of March 20, 1912, to Mr. Horace H. Wolcott.)

P. S.

"Rebecca m. Benajeh Tyrel" --
from your Uncle William's affidavit.

"Samuel Wolcott d. by 29 June, 1773.:

Look over your notes and you will find --

Middlesex Co. Mass. Land Records -- after the Jesse Wallcut, Abner Wolcutt, and Philemon Walcut of Shoreham - ----------

Deeds, 155 x 223 --

--Here it is. --

"29 June, 1773, Mercy Wolcott of Charlestown, widow, bought and mortgaged the above land-- ----- --"

(Ibid., 74: 587, 588, --

So Samuel -- her husband died by above date -- See?

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"Adrian, Mich. Mar. 21, 1912.

Mr. Horace Henry Wolcott,
Amherst, Mass.

"My dear Cousin Horace -

Yours enclosing your Uncle William's letter came yesterday afternoon. Thanks for the privilege of reading it, for I am always interested in anything he writes. As to the date of Samuel's (who m. Mercy Fosdick) birth being 1663 we have no way as yet of knowing. It may be correct. That would make him 64 when our Samuel was born - and 62 when he m. Mercy F.____ Of course she may have been a 2nd wife. If the date is correct she probably was as the men of those days seem to have married early in life.

I wonder why your Uncle gives the pedigree back to Elder Brewster. Perhaps only to show that some one else had traced it. In this connection he does not mention having received it all from me. I sent it to him and he acknowledged it and seemed so pleased to know it. Probably he did not think it necessary to mention what he already had and you knew he had it.

He writes that "the family name of Jonathan Brewster's wife, (Oldham) has just been announced by E. W. Bowman of Boston, Sec. of the Mass. Mayflower Society --" Lucretia Oldham is the name given in all the reports Miss Elliot sent me and went in on my application to the Mayflower Society.

Also was printed in the New York Gen. & Bio. Record of April, 1911. But the Elder's wife is put down as Mary _____ So I wonder if they have proven that she was a sister of Bradford, Lucretia Oldham's name is also given in a large pamphlet - "Brewster Record: a reprint from The Mail and Express - New York, 1902 -- So her name has been long known-

I return your uncle's letter herein.

Now let me revert to yours of the 17th In the first place I wish again to commend your patient research in all that you have done so well in a year and a half.

I know that either one of us working alone would not have accomplished all we have attained - supplemented with Miss Elliot's work. I am heartily with you in all you have done and am glad I was enabled to direct Miss Elliot onto the lines which seemed not, at first, and before tracing, of any account to us. But I was determined to know what those lines would lead to -- and so we have that splendid Wright -- Craft line -- and best of all the Brewster. So surely our combined work has not been in vain. I think that Miss E- would have found the record of Lucy Wright's m. to Samuel W__ in Wethersfield - because she was going thoroughly through the Conn. Marriages - but the hint from your Uncle that she was a Wright of Wethersfield clinched it when the record was found -- Miss E - and I had thought all the time that her name was Lucy because of her dau's name - Lucy. But I fear we should not yet have found the Samuel of Charlestown had not your Uncle referred to Wyman's notes. So, you see, my good Cousin, that we have worked hand in hand and helped each other and shared all we could gather. Be assured that I appreciate your help and work - just as much as you do the little I have done. From the first, for an amateur genealogist, you were so clear-headed about it all, that you saw what was the wheat and rejected the chaff. As near as I can learn, all of the descendants of the Governors and Signer have been accounted for, but we may prove descent from Henry[1] - and I expect we shall succeed. Of course it is a truism that we appreciate more what we have to work hard for. So let us not be discouraged."

LOUISE B. ROBBINS.

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"1448 Elm Ave, Long Beach, Cal.. Feb. 20. 1911.

My dear Horace:

Your letter concerning the lineage of the Wolcott family received sometime ago, was read with a great deal of interest. I intended to answer it ere this late day, but waited to get hold of data that I had put away and forgotten where.

Samuel Wolcott, who stands at the head of the Vermont branch, came from Goshen, Connecticut. He came to Shoreham, Vt. in the fall of 1773, and settled on the farm, on which my father was born, lived & died, and on which I was born & lived until I was seventeen years of age.

H e & his Son Samuel were members of Allen's party when he captured Fort Ticonderoga and went with him into the fort.

"Becoming alarmed by a party of Indians that appeared in the vicinity, he & his family fled for safety to Berkshire County, Mass., and remained there during the war. He returned in 1783, with his family, to the farm he had left in 1777, where he visited until near his death, which occurred, while he was on a visit to his friends in Massachusetts & Connecticut."

The above statement of facts, with the quotation, is taken from the History of Shoreham, written by Rev J. F. Goodhue.

My father's Statement is similar to this, & is as follows:

Samuel Wolcott, from whom the Vermont Wolcotts are descended, came from Goshen, Connecticut, lived for a time in Lanesboro, Mass., and afterwards came to Shoreham Vt: he died on a visit to friends, in Cheshire, Mass.: he married a Wright of Weathersfield Conn: he had six sons, whose names were Samuel, Moses, Jesse, Alvin, William, and Philemon. Moses went back to Cheshire, Mass.: the rest of them settled in Shoreham, Vt: All died there except William, who went to live with his Son, William Grovesnor Wolcott, in Whitehall, N. Y. and died there. That we are descendants of Henry Wolcott of Windsor, the head of the historical family, has always been claimed by the Vermont branch.

This claim was questioned by Rev. Samuel Wolcott D. D. of Longmeadow, Mass., (Not now living) He compiled a book entitled "The Memorial of Henry Wolcott," purporting to give the Genealogy of the descendants of Henry Wolcott of Windsor. In that book no mention is made of our branch, due (1) to the fact that the compiler did not have at hand conclusive evidence and (2) to the fact that he made use only of authenticated material.

We are not able to trace the lineage back of Samuel Wolcott, our progenitor.

Mrs. Levi J. Fisk of Pasadena, Cal., daughter of Dr William Grovesnor Wolcott of Whitehall, N. Y. says that her father, who was a very talented & well educated man, succeeded in tracing the line back to Henry Wolcott of Windsor: but he is dead, and his papers have been lost, and we are not now able to make clear the fact. We can prove beyond a doubt that our progenitor came from Connecticut but we can not show where he is connected with the line.

There was an early settler in the New Haven Colony by the name of John Wolcott. Dr Samuel Wolcott of Longmeadow, Mass., suggested that we might be his descendants. But my Grand father & Great uncles all claimed to be descendants of Henry Wolcott of Windsor, and they were children of the Samuel Wolcott in question. The time that elapsed is too short to make a mistake seem probable.

If you should ever find it in your way to visit Goshen Conn. I wish you would see the pastor of the Cong'l Church & the town clerk & ask them to examine the early records of the church and town, to see if they can find any references to a Samuel Wolcott, between 1675 and 1775 who removed to Lanesboro, Mass., or Charlestown, Mass., or to Shoreham, Vt. You might have to pay them a fee.

I have other material upon the subject & sometime may write you again.

I wish you success in your efforts to establish our claim.

Your loving Uncle

W. H. WOLCOTT.

P. S.

If there are in the records of Goshen, references to any Samuel Wolcott between the years 1675 & 1775 we would like to ascertain them, whatever may be recorded concerning him.

W.H .W."

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"1448 Elm Ave, Long Beach, Cal..
Aug 11. 1911.

Mr Horace H.Wolcott.
Amherst. Mass.

My Dear Horace:

Thank you for your letter of July 31st. and the postal card,

which I price, and The Boston Evening Transcript and other letters which I have not answered.

Some of the questions, you ask, I can not answer; those I can, I will, very cheerfully.

My Grandfather, Philemon, married Lucy Treat. This accounts for the names John Treat and Philemon Treat, in our branch. My father, it was said, resembled the Treats.

My Grand-father, Philemon had a second wife. I do not know who she was. He lived about two years after his second marriage. There were no children by this Union.

My father had a sister by the name of Amy. She died before I was born. I had supposed, however, that her death occurred later than 1828.

A bothersome factor in our problem appears in the records of Charlestown, Mass.. I had forgotten that I had written you of it. I wrote about it to Mrs Robbins of Adrian, Mich., thinking that her Genealogist might in some way clear up the matter.

In Wyman's Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Vol II page 989 may be found this reference:

Walcot Samuel, Mar. Mercy Fosdick (7)
May 27. 1725. who own. Cov't May 28. 1727.
Issue
1 Samuel, bapt. May 28, 1727: of Shoreham, Vt: heirs Alvin and Philemon - W:1804.

This is not the whole of the reference. There are other references also, which I copied and have preserved, but it may not be necessary to write them all out here. You will notice that the name is spelled with an A instead of an O.
Rev. Samuel Wolcott, D.D. of Longmeadow, Mass., not now living, called my attention to this. He at first thought that it proved that we descended not from the Connecticut Wolcotts but from the Walcotts. I wrote him giving my reasons for thinking that we are Wolcotts and not Walcotts. He replied that he thought my letter made it evident that we are Wolcotts & that we came from Conn--.
I think that in Wyman's Gen- & Estates of Charlestown the names Wolcott & Walcott are used interchangebly. Vid Hepzibah Walcot Vol II page 989, and Hepzibah Wolcott, page 948, both references being to the same person. The heirs of Samuel Walcot Alvin and Philemon are also written on the same page. (Vol II page 989) Alvin and Philemon Wolcott.

There are also references, Vol II page 1044, to daughters of Henry Wolcott of Windsor, but they belong to a preceding Generation.

If you should take the trouble to go to Boston and look this matter up I think you would find the Vol. referred to in The State Historical Library.

There are also references to Townsend & Munger (pages 989 & 948). names of which I have heard father speak.
The reference is incomplete & unsatisfactory. Only two heirs of Samuel Walcot are mentioned and those in connection with a deed to W. Stimson 1804.
But there were 6 sons and 4 daughters of the Samuel Wolcott who came to Shoreham Vt. in 1773.

I have in mind to write to The Boston Evening Transcript, asking them (1) who was the father of Samuel Walcot who married Mercy Fosdick, references to whom may be found in Wymans Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, Mass.. Vol II page 989, and (2) whether it may not be

quite probable that this Samuel Walcot Should be written Samuel Wolcott.
Possibly some one can throw light upon it.
My attention was called to this years ago, and I am still embarrassed with it.

If you should be able to demonstrate a connection in the line along which you are working that of course would be sufficient to establish our claim, whatever might be said about the Charlestown references.

I hope you are well. Lucy & Agnes are having an outing on Mt Wilson 6000 feet high.

Cordially your uncle
W. H. Wolcott-"

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"1448 Elm Ave. Long Beach, Cal..
March 1912

My dear Horace:

Mrs. L. I. Fisk of Pasadena or Cousin Nettie as I call hor, gave me for examination a few days ago what is left of her father's papers concerning the Wolcott Genealogy and asked me to pick out any facts I might find in them that would be of any probable interest to you and write you about them.

Since the death of her son, an only child, and of her Husband, she feels that she stands at the end of the line, and has not the interest in questions of Genealogy that otherwise she might have, and it would probably be of no use for you to write her again concerning it.

Her papers do not trace the Wolcott line back of Samuel Wolcott of Charlestown, Mass. who married Mercy Fosdick.

We as yet have found no data to help us in determining whose son he was or where he came from. The lineage is clear to this point and you have it. We have nothing further to give except the following statement which is perhaps of little value:

Aaron Townsend a cousin of Wm. Wolcott, father of Wm Grosvenor Wolcott, M.D. of Whitehall N.Y. told said Dr Wolcott in 1849 that "Samuel or William Wolcott was born in 1663 and married Mercy Fosdick."

I do not know how much dependence can be placed on this statement concerning our progenitor, but if it be true, we can not have descended through the Governors: for Governor Roger Wolcott, the first one, the Colonial Governor was born in 1679. According to the Amer- Cyclopedia.
We may however be descendants of Henry Wolcott of Windsor.
The point to determine is, whose son was Samuel Wolcott who married Mercy Fosdick. Upon this point we as yet have no light.

There is a gentleman in Brooklyn N.Y. who devotes his spare time largely to Genealogical research. He has written to Mrs. Fisk of Pasadena, whom he addresses as Cousin, throwing considerable light upon our lineage.
His name & address is

Wm S. Mills, 352 Clifton Place, Brooklyn N.Y.

Through Mercy Fosdick he traces our descent from Elder Wm Brewster, of Mayflower fame, as follows:

Mercy Fosdick was dau. of Samuel Fosdick and Susannah (Turner) Fosdick. Samuel Fosdick was son of Samuel Fosdick and Mercy (Picket) Fosdick. Mercy Picket was dau. of Jonathan Brewster and Lucretia (Oldham) Brewster. Jonathan Brewster was son of William Brewster and (_____Bradford) who were on the Mayflower,1620.

The family name of Jonathan Brewster's wife (Oldham) has just been announced by E. W. Bowman of Boston, Sec of the Mass. Mayflower Society. Mr. Mills also writes that the wife of Wm Brewster was a sister of Wm Bradford.

I find in looking over Dr Wolcotts papers that my grand mother's name was Amy. You are right in this.

My Great Grandmother's name was Lucy.

I would be glad to send you Dr Wolcotts papers, but am not allowed to do so. I do not think however that you would find anything in them beyond what I have written that would be of any service to you. There is some information concerning the descendants of Samuel Wolcott who lived & died in the vicinity of Shoreham Vt but you have I think the most of this.

What is now needed is light upon our progenitor Samuel Wolcott who married Mercy Fosdick.

I hope you are all surviving the terrible winter & are all well.

We are in usual health.

Very Cordially,
Your Uncle,
W. H. WOLCOTT."

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THE A AND THE O

"352 Clifton Place
Brooklyn, N.Y.
Mar 23/12

Mr. Horace Wolcott"

Dear Sir:

Relative to the Walcott family I have to say that I went over the ground several years ago in behalf of my cousin, Mr. Levi Fisk, then of Cheshire, Mass He and his wife were both descended from Samuel Wolcott of Shoreham Vt. son of a Samuel Walcott of Charlestown, whom you mention. Mrs Fisk desired to trace lineage from Henry Wolcott whose descendants were prominent in Connecticut, but I was unable to go further back than you can, viz: to the Samuel of Charlestown, Mass. It seems only an inference that the names Walcott and Wolcott were of the same family. Samuel of Shoreham changed to Wolcott, or the Walcott of Charlestown was an error in copying. The fact that a descendant of Henry was in Charlestown is a slight presumption of relationship. Your descent from Mayflower people through the Fosdicks, as you have it, I also traced. I am presuming you are in communication with Mrs Fisk who went to Pasadena, California after the death of her husband and son.

I regret that I cannot give you any help in searching the Walcotts. There were some of the name in Salem or near there in early times.

Respectfully Yours

W T MILLS"

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CHARLESTOWN CHURCH RECORD

"Charlestown. Aug. 5. 1912.

Mr. H. H. Wolcott.

Dear Sir--

I find the following entries in the Records of First Church:

"Admitted to Full Communion
1741 Feb. 8 Marcy Wolcott
1757 Apl 24 Hephzibah Wolcott

Baptized.

1727 May 28. Samuel S. of Mr Samuel & Mercy Wolcot.
1728 Sept. 1 Mercy D. of Mr Samuel & Mercy Wolcot
1730 Aug. 16 William S." " " " "
1735 Apr. 4 Hephzibah D. " " " "

Renewers of Covenant

1727 May 28th Mrs Mercy Wolcot, w. of Mr Samuel Wolcot."

These are the only items which appear. On account of the similarity of names they were probably all related. In fact I think the first named is the same person as last named, for the reason that Renewers of Covenant were those who had been baptized in infancy either here or in some former place of residence, and these same persons were afterwards received into Full Communion. There is no record of where Samuel was admitted to the Church, but it seems probable that he was a member, either here or elsewhere, as only members of the Church were allowed to vote, and the Church rules required parents to be Church members to entitle their children to baptism. Trusting this information may be of service I remain

Yours truly
GARDNER BATES
Clerk."

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FITCHBURG, MASS. Aug. 23d/1912.

Horace H . Wolcott.
Amherst, Mass.

My Dear Sir-

Mercy Fosdick was born 1707, her Father being Samuel Fosdick and his Mother the daughter of Mercy Pickett who was great grand daughter of Elder William Brewster, born at Scrooby, England.

Mercy Fosdick married Samuel Wolcote (or Woolcett, as record suggests) of Boston, becoming your ancestress, while her brother James carried the line in my direction, and I know nothing further of the Woolcotes, nor where you could find other details, as my interest has been in the Fosdick line. I am glad you are for Roosevelt and

Yours Sincerely,

F. FOSDICK"

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WOLCOTT -- WOOLCUTT.

"Wolcott Vermont
March 18th 1911.

Mr. Horace H. Wolcott.
Amherst Mass.
Dear Sir,

Replying to your favor of the 13th I have to inform you that I cannot give the required information: but may help you to a portion of what you desire.

The Town Charter bearing date August 22nd 1781, in part contains the following. "Whereas Captain Joshua Stanton. and his associates" our "worthy friends".&c - - &c "Unto him and his associates viz." "Major General Oliver Wolcott" -- and sixty three others. whose names are upon the Charter. This town was named Wolcott for the said "Oliver Wolcott" .. Name spelled Wolcott. I find one place in Land Records where spelled Woolcott -- On Page 15. Vol. 1. of the Land Records, I find That Oliver Wolcott, for the consideration of forty Pounds. lawful money. conveyed to. Oliver Wolcott Junr. of. Philadelphia. Penn, one

certain right of land. being in the town of Wolcott. -- Said deed bearing date Sep't. 5th 1792.-- Oliver Wolcott. names his residence Litchfield in the State of Conn. Said deed was witnessed by Fred.'k Wolcott and Hannah Goodwin.. There is a family who spell their name. Woolcutt. that live in this town. (Post office address Elmore Vermont.)- but I do not know that they claim to be descendants of Gen. Oliver Wolcott. -- April 21st 1796. Frederick Wolcott conveyed the original right to one tract of land, formely the grant owned by Gen Oliver Wolcott, to one John Elmore. of Canaan Conn. Frederick was then a resident of Litchfield Conn. --. This is the last conveyance I find from the Wolcott family, unless Luther Woolcutt's ancesters were descendants of Gen. Wolcott. We do not have any history of the town which I very much regret.--

Yours truly

M. J. LEACH, Town Clerk

P. S. Am enclosing half Doz. views taken at different points about the village
M.J.L.

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GOSHEN, CT. DEEDS

"Goshen Conn.
May 2nd 1911

H. H. Wolcott
Dear Sir
Yours of the 24th April at hand and in reply will give you a few dates of deeds etc. viz:

(1) Daniel Richards. Deed to Samuel Woolcott
of 100 acres land. more or less,
Deed dated March 28th. 1753.

(2) Samuel Woolcot Deed to Daniel Richards
of 60 acres land. more or less.
Deed dated March 28th 1753.

(3) Samuel Wrights deed to Samuel Woolcot
Deed dated April 9th 1754

(4) Samuel Wrights Deed to Samuel Woolcot
of 57 acres of land. more or less
Deed dated April 3rd 1756.

(5) William Woolcotts Deed to Timothy Alling
Deed dated June 16th 1756

(6) Timothy Tuttles Deed to Samuel Woolcott
Quit claim of Common Land.
Deed dated Feb 2nd 1759.

(7) Charles Willcox Deed to Samuel Woolcott
of 2 acres of land
Deed dated November 8th 1759.

(8) Samuel Woolcots Deed to Uri Hill.
of land, house, and shop
Deed dated June 4th 1763.

" From Revolutionary Records State of Connecticut"
I also find that Oliver Wolcott was Governor of Conn
in 1796. and served in the war from beginning to end.
and at one time lived in Litchfield Conn.

I also find that Samuel Wolcott enlisted in the Revolutionary service May 26 - 77 and discharged Jan 1st 78 but it dose not give the town he enlisted from.
I find nothing in the Records of Deaths, Births or Marriages concering the name of Woolcott. and there is nothing on the Church records. Possibly if you sent to Litchfield you might get something more. If there is anything more I can do let me know and I will do the best I can but I have sent you everything that I find here and I hope they will help you out if they are all right and of any use to you you can send a dollar fee if not it will be all right

Yours Very Truly,
JOSEPH H NORTH
Asst Town Clerk
Goshen
Conn"

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CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, CLEVELAND, O.

"Little Falls, N. Y.
24 Loomis St.
April 16th 1912

Dear Mr Wolcott:-

Sometime ago I wrote Mr Chandler Wolcott Rochester, N.Y. asking him if he could give me the connecting link between Samuel Senior and Oliver Wolcott.

Last summer while I was in Cleveland, Ohio, I visited the Case Memorial Library which has I think some very complete records. In trying to trace the Samuels there were so many of them and so many different branches that I became quite mixed up. I remember reading of one of the early Samuels who left home and nothing more was heard of him. I think that this Samuel must have been the one whom we qualify from I did not copy it, thinking the next day I would go back and make a better Search, but unfortunately I left the city that night. I am sending you a copy of a letter that I received some years ago, you may be able to get some information from it. My great grandfather was Seymore Wolcott, a brother of Samuel Jr Seymore Wolcott son Seymore Jr was my mother's (Oliva Wolcott). father. I can give you the records of all Seymore Wolcotts Senior family if you wish them. I suppose you know all about Samuel Wolcott Senior and Samuel Jr at the Fort of Ticonderoga. Samuel Wolcott, Sr came from Goshen Conn. In making out my D. A. R. papers we found it was Samuel Jr who married Lucy Wright of Weathersfield Conn.

Samuel Wolcott Sr. married Marcha Fosdick.

Seymore Wolcott my great grandfather was in the war of 1812 and served in five battles. I knew nothing about the decent on the maternal side and was glad to know that we were connected with Elder Brewster of the Mayflower fame. Could you tell me how I would be able to get those records I am trying to get as many bars to my D. A. R. pin as I can. I have so far 4. I shall be glad to help all I can in tracing this branch of the Wolcott family. I have the copy of Samuel Sr records and if you have not got it would be glad to send it to you.

Sincerely yours MRS HELEN PARSONSON.

HE DID NOT FIND IT.

"W. H. H . STOWELL,
AMHERST, MASS.

Samuel	
Israel	1670
Isaac	1708
Jacob	1736
Joel	1768
Sylvester	1808
Wm. H. H.	1840

August 6, 1912.

Mr. Horace H. Wolcott,
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I have not forgotten the request contained in your letter to see if I could run across any data connecting Samuel Wolcott of Boston, who married Mercy Fosdick of Charlestown, May 27, 1725 with the Henry Wolcott who went to Connecticut in 1635. I have had no difficulty in tracing the ancestry of Mercy Fosdick back to Stephen Fosdick in Charlestown in 1635, but I have been unable to connect Samuel Wolcott with the Connecticut Wolcotts. I have made a very thorough ~~through~~ the descendants of Henry and have been unable to find any trace of Samuel. I have not looked in any other direction for him, as you seem to think he came from Connecticut, but I will keep it in mind and if I run across any information will send you word.

Very truly yours,
W. H. H . STOWELL

Dictated I enclose mem^{o} of
Mercy

MEMORANDUM BY W. H. H. STOWELL.

Stephen Fosdick, a Carpenter
Had a house & lot in Charlestown Mass in 1635
Admitted to Church 1638
Married 1st
" 2nd Sarah Wetherell
died May 21 1664

Thomas^{2}-son-of-Stephen^{1}

Sergt John^{2} son of Stephen^{1} above John^{2} was 7th child
Adm to Church 1696

Married 1st Anna Branson who died Oct 15 1679 age 52
" 2 " Elizabeth Betts" " Sept 27 1716 " 60

Samuel^{3} -- 3d child of John^{2} above -- and Anna Branson
Born Charlestown Dec 15 1655
was in Naragansett Mar 1676
Mar Mary Picket Nov 1 1682
died Aug 27 1702 at New London

Samuel[4] -- Oldest child (of 7) of Samuel[3]
Born New London Sept 18 1684
Blacksmith -- Heir of his father's Navagansett right for war services
Mar. Susannah Turner July 13-1706
at New London Conn
died Feb 22 1753 age 68
was early in Oyster Bay
some months in Boston
Notified Aug 3 1751
" Dec 2 1759

Mercy[5] oldest child of 8 of Saml[4] above:

Born	1707	
Mar May 27	1725	Saml Wolcott

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Thinks Samuel[1] had two wives and Mercy Fosdick was the second.

"This letter I have copied just as I received it. H.M.P.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
ASTENROGEN CHAPTER
LITTLE FALLS, N. Y.

Cream Hill P.O.
Shoreham Vt
April 28, 1904.

Mrs Wm Parsonson.

Your letter of the 1st ut was handed me for reply -- In meantimes Miss Augusta - the only Child and daughter of Philemon Treat Wolcott has sickened and died leaving her parents in their declining years nearly crushed with their loss. To give you the best information I will copy some short sketches found among the papers of the late Dea. Almon Wolcott father of Philemon Treat Wolcott. Henery Wolcott died at Windsor Conn May 30" 1655
Hon Rodger Wolcott died at Windsor Conn May 17, 1767 Oliver Wolcott (son of Rodger Wolcott) died Dec 1st, 1797 Oliver Wolcott (son of preceding) died Feb. 1833. (Encylopedia says June 1st 1833.)
Samuel Wolcott one of the first settlers in Shoreham Vt moved from Lanesborough Mass to Shoreham in 1766. He had six sons namely
Samuel died Aug 12" 1825 aged 76 yrs
Jessie (My great grandfather
Moses
Philemon -- Philemon Treat grandfather
William -- Grandfather of. Mrs. L. J. Fiske of Pasadena Cal.
Seymore
Samuel Wolcott married Lucy Wright of Weathersfield Conn.
Senr; Samuel Wolcott, born 1725 died aged about 74 years.
Another slip contains the following Memoranda
Samuel Wolcott Maried Lucy Wright
He had one brother name William and two sisters Mercy & Hepsy.
William was a sea captain a wild fellow - a wife in every port.
Mercy married Lenox, had one daughter Marcia
Hepsy Married Aaron Townsend and had ten children Aaron - John Hepsy, Sally, Phoebe, Marcy or Mercy William - Wolcott. Hepsey,

(Hepsey the 1st died at 8 yrs.). In 1780-7 of this family of children sat at one table & in 1840 all were alive.
Again it enumerates Samuel Senior had 6 sons, and 5 daughters
Rebecka
Marcy or Mary
Lucy
Hannah
Susan

Again it says
Samuel Wolcotts father married Marsha Fosdick --
I think this Samuel is Sam Senr and would indicate he had two wives.
You ask from which branch of the family Philemon T- is descended
Philemon T's father was Dea Almon who father was (as we say) old Dea Philemon & he was a brother of Samuel Junr one of the 6 sons of Samuel Senr. Philemon has one surviving brother Rev Henery Wolcott of Claremont, Los Angeles Co. Cal Some years since he began traceing his ancestry and may be able to give more information Mrs. L. J. Fiske of Pasadena Cal a grandaughter of William Wolcott who was one of the 6 sons & a brother of Sam Junr -- she is good reference. Perhaps you may wish to know who I am. My mother was a Wolcott a granddaughter of Jessie Wolcott who was a brother of Samuel Junr. My mother sister Lydia (the last of the family who married her Cousin Nelson Wolcott who was a son of Seymour Wolcott, at the age of 87 is now living with me. Was your mother a sister of the present Geo Wolcott

Hoping to hear more of your success in future

I subscribe myself
Yours in the blood
MRS A. A. HUNT"

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SEVENTY VARIETIES OF SPELLING

Wal vs. Wol. (Jonathan Walcott)

"UNIVERSITY CLUB
FIFTH AVENUE & 54th STREET

Mr. Horace H . Wolcott,
Amherst, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wolcott:-

Thank you for your letter about the Walcotts & Wolcotts I have examined the Wolcott book quite carefully and had come to the conclusion that the Samuel & Marcy Fosdick descendants were not from the Henry Wolcott line, but from the Jonathan Walcott line, through the latter's son Samuel, who sold the house inherited from his father in Salem and disappeared from the Salem records about 1700 shortly after arriving at his majority. I have only just begun to look into this branch and so am not prepared to make any definite statement as yet. The spelling of the name gives very little help. Henry Wolcott seems to have spelled his name in more than one way, and generally wrong, and even the colonial governors were not over particular in such matters.

There is no question, I think, but that the two families in America are utterly unrelated, and that there is no connection between them in England, at any rate for many centuries. I have noticed, as you have, certain local tendencies in the spelling which has resulted in some Wolcotts spelling the name "Wal" and some Walcotts spelling theirs "Wol", and much confusion has certainly arisen from this, as also from the variations "Wool" and "Will". I have run across, in all, more than 70 various spellings of the name in this country, though in England for many centuries Walcets, Walcot and Walcott were the only known spellings, and "Walecot" appears in the Domesday Book. I have a letter from the late Admiral Walcott of England in which he states that the Wolcott family is in no way connected with the Walcott family there, but of French extraction. On what that statement was based I have no idea, but it is quite certain that the Walcotts of Bitterly and of Skipton have never used the "Wol" spelling. I wish it were as easy to distinguish the families in this country. In the County of Windham, Ct. a son of Capt. Jonathan Walcott settled, and raised a considerable family, which later spread widely, especially in the direction of Springfield, Mass., and became almost hopelessly confused in the records with branches of the Brookfield Woolcotts and the Wethersfield Wolcotts. I have run across any number of families spelling the name "Wol" which are not even mentioned in the Wolcott book but which I feel certain belong to that family.

You mention Goshen, Ct. as a place of residence of the son of Samuel & Marcy. In the old days there was Goshen quite near Windham, in the direction of Hampton and Chaplin, - a little settlement where now we find Clark's Corners. Here there were, and have been till recently, Walcotts descended from Jonathan Walcott. Members of the same family,- Elijah and Eliphalet, - went later to Vermont, and I am told that a William of Vermont was a descendant of another son of Capt. Jonathan Walcott, but as I have said, I have only just begun to look up the branches other than that of the descendants of William who went from Salem to Attleboro about 1720.

Can you perhaps tell me whether there are any old Wolcott tombstones at Lanesboro, Mass. or in Vermont, anywhere? I have found that as a rule the spelling of the name on the stones is more reliable than that of the records. Perhaps you have found out the ancestry of Mercy Fosdick. If it was known where she came from it might be possible to get a clue. Are the Charlestown church records available?

There were Samuel Walcotts in Salem, N. J. very early, but I have failed to find any connection between them and any other family of similar name. You have doubtless come across this line.

I shall be extremely obliged if you will let me know at my permanent address above if you ever find anything more about your line. I am leaving for Japan in a few days and am obliged to drop the family work till my return next spring. I hope in the mean time to be able to get copies of wills, etc. from England which will enable me to connect Captain Jonathan with the Humphrey Walcott line which is traced back many centuries without a break.

Thanking you again for your letter,

I am, very truly yours,

ARTHUR S. WALCOTT.

N. Y. City,
July 29, 1915.

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ONE PARTY SAYS

"March 27th 1920.

Your letter of the 21st was forwarded to me here during my absence. which accounts for my delay in replying.

I am sorry to have to say that I have found nothing whatever which tends to establish any connection with the Walcotts of Samuel who married Mercy Fosdick. John Wolcott who lived in Watertown, a relative of Henry of Ct. seems to have had quite a family but it seems impossible to connect them with such unidentified Wolcotts as Samuel without English research. I am myself satisfied that Samuel was not a descendant of Capt. Jonathan, whose family line I am working on; & I think he was related to John Woolcott of Newbury & 10 - Brookfield possibly, as the latter, I understand, left property in Watertown - The Woolcotts behaved rather badly to Newbury & Jeebel for this reason were not recognized by the Wolcott Memorial editors, who seem to have been careful to omit whenever possible, anyone who misbehaved. "

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"Tallahassee
Fla
Mch 15/12

My dear Mr Wolcott-

Your letter rec'd & have not answered sooner as looking thro' old papers filed away to see if I could assist you with any information in my possession-
To begin with I am no connection of the Wolcotts except by the marriage of my Uncle W. S. Perry of Shoreham Vt. to Lucinda Wolcott & who her father was I do not know. My Uncle was born in 1809 I think & as he some sixty or more years older than myself knew little of her ancestry. their only dau. Mrs. A. A. P. Hunt - Who was older than my mother was very dear to us & with us a great deal & at her death Aug. 1906 her effects came into our possession- by will & I may have among her old letters & papers something bearing on this genealogy as she was interested in the subject & was an exceptionally intelligent woman possessing the mental strength that made the name of Perry & Garfield distinguished - but as yet have been unable to find any thing but this one letter I enclose, but I should think thro' this connection you might learn much, as he evidently belonged to the Shore. Wolcotts - his father Russell B. grandfather Moses & Great G. Samuel. this Sam'l I should say a son of the Sam'l to whom you trace your descent & the writer of this letter says he a descendent of Oliver W. Signer of the Dec. of Ind. & Sec'y of the Treas. in Wash'.s Cabinet This same John C. W. has a son Henry you see so I should think you could get your information & data from him or his children I sincerely hope you will succeed in this for I am very much interested in the subject of genealogy. & if I can find any thing further among Mrs Hunts old family letters will surely send to you

Very Respflly
MARY A. PERRY BUSHNELL

Mrs J. W. Bushnell
275 N. Calhoun St.

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"Taken from the records of Revolutionary
Soldiers of Mass

Woolcutt
Samuel Wolcott Capt. David Wheeler's Co. Col Ben. Simonds Regt. Service 8 days Company marched from Lanesborough to Manchester Oct. 12, 1780 Moses Woolcut Capt. David Wheeler's Co Col Asa Barns Regt Service 11 days company marked from Lanesborough to Saratoga Oct 29 1781 on an alarm.

Samuel Woolcott Capt 9th Co 1st Berkshire Co regt of Mass Militia

List of officers (year not given
Moses Woolcut Private Wm White's Co ( ) Col Brown's regt.
company raised in Berkshire Co July 18, 1780
3 month 10 days at Stone N. Y.

Henry Wolcott, one of the most influential leaders of the same colony, died in 1655. He was more fortunate in his descendants: there was hardly a time for the next two centuries when a Wolcott was not in some post of trust and honor in the service of the Commonwealth.

Connecticut, Johnson
American Commonwealths
Edited by
Horace E Scudder.

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(There may have been other children.)

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References: Records of First Church of New Haven.
B. M. & D. Records of same.
Probate Rec. 8: 215; 538; 14:289; 15:333, 406.
Land Rec. 53:220; 19:225, 373; 73: 177.

Miss E. F. Elliot, Genealogist
59 Oxford St., Somerville, Mass.

JOHN WOLCOTT of New Haven.

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1. Savage in his Genealogical Dictionary of New England says, under Wolcott: "John, New Haven, 1680, a blacksmith, married Sarah Johnson, 8 Feb. 1684, probably daughter of John of same, but whether any issue followed is unknown. When he sold land there in 1698, wife Abigail joined in the deed.".

As recorded in the Town Records, the marriage was performed 8 Feb. 1683, or according to the Julian calendar; Mr. Savage gives it according to the Gregorian calendar. His surmise regarding the identity of Sarah Johnson is shown to be correct by the following record, which, however, shows him to be wrong in the other statement. It was, very likely, John^{2} Johnson, (John^{1}) and not his father who gave the deed in 1698.

15 Mch. 1693, Samuel Johnson and John Johnnon both of New Haven, admrs. on the estate of John Johnson late of same, gave a deed to "our sister Sarah the wife of John Wolcott" of her share in "our said father's estate." (N.H. Land Rec. 1:573)

John Wolcott died in New Haven, 18 Oct. 1725, leaving widow Sarah and four children. On 6 Dec. 1725, Sarah Wolcott and John Wolcott were appointed admrs. on the estate. The Court decreed that the widow receive one third, and the remainder be divided into five equal parts, of which two fifths were for the oldest son. (Probate Records, 5:273,277)

Children of John[1] and Sarah (Johnson) Wolcott: (born in New Haven)

1. Mehitable, 30 Nov. 1689.
2. John, 15 Dec. 1696.
3. Hannah, 19 Nov. 1699.
4. Noah, whose birth is not recorded.

II. John[2] Wolcott, b. 15 Dec. 1696, m. in his native town, 18 Dec. 1722,

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Ann Sperry, who was made administratrix of his estate, 28 Oct. 1745. She had remarried by 25 Feb. 1746-7, when she appears in these records as Anne Bradley. The death recorded in N. H. records of John Wolcott, 7 Dec. 1743, was probably that of this man. He lived in the north parish, or North Haven, as it was afterwards called. The settlement of his estate, shows that a widow and four children survived him, and that two of his sons had died by 1751.

Children of John[2] and Anne (Sperry) Wolcott, born in N.H.:

1. Sarah, 22 Oct. 1725; died without issue before her father.
2. John, 8 Jan. 1725-6; m. Sybill Mix; d. by 1751.
3. Joseph, 23 Sept. 1728; probably married; was living 1752.
4. Jesse, 1 Apr. 1732; living June, 1752. He had three different guardians appointed, 1745-1751, viz. Matthew Blakesley, John Wolcott (his brother), and Ebenezer Blakesley, all of New Haven.
5. Timothy, 20 Nov. 1739; was probably the Timothy Wolcott who died in N. H., 25 Nov. 1745. In the division of his father's estate, 1st. Monday in June, 1751, an allowance was made "to the legal representatives of Timothy," also to the legal representatives of John, the eldest son, to Joseph, to Jesse, and to the widow.

   Two weeks later, we find "Joseph Wolcott's division of the estate of Timothy Wolcott, a minor son of John Wolcott" amongst the heirs of John Wolcott, Jesse Wolcott, Joseph Wolcott.

III. Noah Wolcott, the date of whose birth has not been found. That he was a son of John[1] Wolcott is ascertained by the following record: 10 May, 1731, John Wolcott and Noah Wolcott sell to Theophilus Eaton Jones their right in the quarter acre homelot and dwelling "of our hond father John Wolcott, deceased. (N.H . Deeds, 9:35)

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He married (1) 29 Apr. 1725, Sarah Tuttle, who died leaving one child; he m. (2) in Nov. 1728, Mary Horton. He made his will 10 Mch. 1784;it was proved 22 Dec. 1785. (N.H . Probate , 15:8,9.)

Children of Noah[2] Wolcott:

1. Mary, 19 Feb. 1726; m. 8 July, 1752 Abram Johnson; living as his widow, 1784. She was the only child of the first wife.
2. Ebenezer, 17 Sep. 1729; m. Rhoda ..... ; d. before his father, leaving four daughters, Mary, wife of Ebenezer Alling; Sarah, wf. of Samuel Pierpont; Rhoda; and Lois, wf. of Enoch Hotchkiss
3. Sarah, b. 25 Mch. 1732; in the Probate records we learn that she never married but died in Hamden, (which was set off from New Haven,) in 1789.
4. Eunice, b. 22 June, 1733; was living in 1790 when her sister's estate was divided; called Eunice Wolcott in the record.
5. Noah, whose birth is not found, but who is mentioned in his father's will as executor; living 1784. Exr. to sister Sarah 1790.
6. Elijah, mentioned in his father's will, 10 Mch. 1784. Had share in sister Sarah's estate, 1790.

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It is possible, from my notes, to extend some of these lines; but as Samuel Wolcott must have been born by 1728, it seems needless to do so. If he were a descendant of John[1] Wolcott, he would necessarily be a son of either John[2] or Noah[2]. It has been shown that he was not a son of either. It also follows that William Wolcott of New Haven was not one of John's progeny.

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Other New Haven Wolcotts.

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5 Jan. 1729-30, letters of administration were granted to Rachel Wolcott on the estate of her husband Ebenezer Wolcott late of New Haven, deceased. (Probate Records, 5:550)

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Rachel Wolcott m. 28 Oct. 1731, Thomas Humphreyville. This name appear variously spelled, Umberfield being one variation. (I presume she was the widow of Ebenezer)

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Rachel Umberfield m. 7 Nov. 1745, Samuel Pardee. She was the widow of Thomas, who died 16 Sep. 1738. Samuel Pardee d. previous to 5 Jan. 1746-47, when, as admx., she asks to divide the real estate. She had no children by this last marriage.

She had three Humphreyville children; but whether she had children be- her union with Humphreyville or not, I did not find data to prove.

Ebenezer Wolcott's identity is unsolved.

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Mr. Alexander Wolcott was admitted an inhabitant of New Haven, 12 Dec. 1732. (Town Records.) He married (1), 4 Dec. 1732, Mrs. Lydia Atwater. She divorced him at his request, and he m. (2), 17 Mch. 1739-40, Mrs. Mary Allyn. 3 Mch. 1739-40, just two weeks before this happy event, he gave to "Lydia Wolcott lately my wife" a deed of four pieces of land in as many different towns, Wallingford, New Milford, Middletown, and Litchfield.

Wolcott Memorial, pp. 77 & 140, states that he was a son of Roger and Sarah (Drake) Wolcott; and that he m. (3) Mary Richards of New London & removed to Windsor. It would be interesting to know if the second wife went by the same gate as did the first.

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WILLIAM WOLCOTT of New Haven.

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As appears in the land records of Goshen, Conn., Vol. 3: pp. 319, 309, WILLIAM WOLCOTT of New Haven bought of Samuel Wright (a brother-in-law of Samuel Wolcott of Goshen) certain land in Goshen in 1756 and sold it again the same year to Timothy Alling of New Haven (who was probably his own brother-in-law.)

New Haven records, however, do not show any connection between this William and our Samuel Wolcott of Goshen; nor is his relationship to the other Wolcott families of New Haven, if any, established. His birth is not recorded there; there is no deed to show whence he came, or who his father or other connections were; nor is mention of him found in the probate records of any of the others.

He must have been born between 1720 and 1730, for he married about 1754, Mrs. Phebe (Alling) Talmadge, widow of Robert Talmadge of New Haven, who had died testate before Feb., 1753, and daughter of Daniel Alling of New Haven. She was born in New Haven, 24 Mch. 1723-4, being the sixth child, her brother Timothy being the eldest.

William Wolcott died "in the army with small pox" 25 Feb. 1782; she died Apr. 1788. On 8 June, 1784, Benajah Wolcott was appointed administrator of the estate of William Wolcott. On 15 Mch. 1790, administration on her estate was granted to her son-in-law, Hanover Barney.

William Wolcott was called Captain in the death record of his son Timothy, 1767.

Children of William and Phebe (Alling) Wolcott:

1. Phebe, bp. First Church, New Haven, 25 May, 1755; m. 12 Mch. 1775, Hanover Barney.

2. William, bp. 3 Oct. 1756.

3. Eunice, " 23 Apr. 1758; d. 24 Sept. 1759.

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4. Rebecca, bp. 19 Aug. 1759.
5. Benajah, " 7 Apr. 1762; living, 1804.
6. Timothy, " 8 July, 1764; d. 28 Aug. 1767, aged 3 years.

(Two of these given names are found among the progeny of John[1] Wolcott of New Haven, viz: Eunice and Timothy. The former was borne by a daughter of Noah[2] Wolcott, the latter by a son of John[2] Wolcott. but Wm Timothy was probably named for Timothy Alling.)

Benajah Wolcott, the son of William, bp. in New Haven 7 Apr. 1762, administered on his father's estate in 1784. He married in New Haven, 24 Aug. 1793, Elizabeth Bradley. In 1804 he was living in New York City and on May 12th, he sold land in New Haven to Hanover Barney of that town, (his brother-in-law.)

Child of Benajah and Elizabeth (Bradley) Wolcott:

1. William B. Wolcott, whose residence was Sandusky, O., 3 June 1825 when he sold to Sidney Hull of New Haven his share in the estate of his grandfather James Bradley, late of that place and of Naomi his first wife.

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Notes on WOLCOTT and WRIGHT.

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At the outset, it is well to recall that Samuel Wolcott and Lucy Wright were married in Wethersfield, Conn., 29 Mch. 1750. (Conn. Mar., 3:8) Her mother, Abigail Goodrich, had married (1) Samuel Wright and after his decease, (2) Noadiah Dickinson, whom she survived.

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14 Nov. 1751, Abigail Dickinson of Wethersfield, for £400 old tenor, sold to "my son-in-law Samuel Wolcott Y^{e} 2^{2} of said Wethersfield" land 7½ rds. long by 7 rds. wide, lying between the homelots of Dea. John Stillman and Lt. Timothy Wright, with house, barn, and other buildings. Moses Wright was also an adjoining owner. Acknowledged same day. Witnessed by Samuel Goodrich, Sarah Chester. Recorded 2 Apr. 1752.

This is indexed "Samuel Wolcott, Goshen." (Wethersfield Deeds, 9:5)

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15 Nov. 1751, Samuel Wolcott, Jr. and Lucy his wife, of Wethersfield, for £360 old tenor, sold to Samuel Wolcott Senr. of same about 6 acres of land in Wethersfield, bounded west on a highway, east on heirs of Michael Griswold, north on Oliver Deming, south on Joseph and Oliver Treat. Ackn. same day. Witnessed by John Chester and Sarah Chester. (Ibid. 9:146) (This would appear to have been land inherited by Lucy, as she joins in the deed instead of merely releasing dower.)

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7 July, 1752, Moses Wright of Wethersfield (a brother of Lucy Wolcott), for £1374 old tenor, sold to Samuel Wolcott 2^{d} of same about 3 acres of land bounded east on the highway and said Wolcott, west and south on Timothy Wright, north on John Stilman and said Wolcott. This also is indexed "Samuel Wolcott, Goshen." (Ibid., 9:228)

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5 Mch. 1753, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen, County of Litchfield, Conn., for £1374 conveyed to Joseph Webb of Wethersfield, merchant, the

piece of land last mentioned. (Lucy is in no way mentioned in this deed.) The acknowledgement was made on the same day as the sale. (Ibid., 9:226)

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16 Jan. 1751-2, Mrs. Abigail Dickinson, Samuel Wolcott, Jr., and Lucy Wolcott, wife of the said Samuel, all of Wethersfield for £30 old tenor, sold to John Pierce of Wethersfield land in the great meadow, bounded east on the highway, north on William Brattle, south on Gideon Wickham, & west on an unknown owner. They acknowledged this conveyance the same day. (This was probably part of the Wright estate.) (Ibid., 9:157)

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10 Aug. 1750, Samuel Wolcott and Lucy, Wife of the said Samuel, both of Wethersfield, for £140, O.T., sold to Nathaniel Burnham Jr. of same, about 2 acres in the great meadow, bounded east on the highway, west on Jonathan Robbins, south on the heirs of Aaron Owen, north on land in possession of Mrs. Abigail Dickinson. (More of the Wright (or perhaps Goodrich) land, it would seem.) Eleazur Goodrich and James Carr, witnesses. (Ibid., 9:2)

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27 May, 1752, Samuel Wolcott yº Second of Wethersfield, for £2800, O.T., sold to Joseph Webb of same 3 acres and 1 rood, more or less, with the dwelling house, barn, shop, and all other buildings thereon, bounded south & west on Lt. Timothy Wright, north on Dea. John Stilman, east on the highway or street. (Lucy neither signs nor releases.) (Ibid., 9:20)

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23 Mch. 1751, Samuel Wright of Wethersfield sold to Oliver Deming of same, 4 acres of land in same bounded south on Samuel Wolcott the 2d and

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Lucy his wife, east on Caleb, Elisha, and Benjamin Griswold, west on the highway commonly called Cross Lane, north on said Samuel Wright. (9:116)

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5 Nov. 1751, Samuel Wright of Goshen, for £355, O.T., sold to John Robbins Jr. of Wethersfield 5⅓ a. in the great meadow in Wethersfield, bounded on land late of Noadiah Dickinson, deceased, etc. (9:141)

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21 Apr., 1752, Abigail Dickinson of Wethersfield and Samuel Wright of Goshen sold to John Pierce about 2 a. in Wethersfield bounded east on the heirs of Michael Griswold, west on the highway, north on the parsonage land, south on Oliver Deming. (9:177)

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28 May, 1747, Obadiah and Eleazer Dickinson of Wethersfield sold for £120 to Samuel Wright of same, all their right in the real and "moveable" estate of their uncle Noadiah Dickinson, deceased, except in his common and undivided lands. (8:299) (See 9:141.)

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6 Sept. 1753, Mrs. Abigail Dickinson of Goshen for £543, sold to Capt. Thomas Belding of Wethersfield, land in Tier #29, 7½ acres. 18 rods, more or less, which was lately laid out to the said Abagail. (9:278)

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7 July, 1752, Moses Wright of Wethersfield for £230, sold to Elisha Wright of same, 2 a. in Wethersfield great meadow, bounded east on the highway, west on Oliver Deming, or his assigns, north on Rebecca Wright, south on said Elisha Wright. (9:213)

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1 Nov. 1757, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen, Litchfield Co., Conn., and Lucy his wife for £74 sold to Capt. Josiah Griswold of Wethersfield, Hartford Co., all our right to a certain piece of land in Tier #21 in Wethersfield containing 3½ a. 32 rds., bounded north and south on highways, east on land lately laid out to William Andrus, west on land laid out to Jonathan Griswold. Witnesses, Samuel Wright, Elisha Blin. Acknowledged by Samuel and Lucy Wolcott 8 Jan. 1761, at Goshen. (Wethersfield Deeds, 10:517)

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Many of the old tax lists are still preserved in Wethersfield. That for the year 1751 showed that Samuel Wolcott and Samuel Wolcott 2d were both tax payers. The list for 1750 I did not find. In 1752, the younger man was not taxed, so he probably went to Goshen that year, before the lists were prepared.

In the list for 1744, Noadiah Dickinson was taxed; but in 1745, widow Abigail Dickinson was taxed.

In 1745 the following Wolcotts were taxed: Elizabeth Wolcott; Widow Abigail Wolcott; David; Samuel; Elisha; and Joshua.

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Samuel Wolcott Sr. (the one who married Mary Wyat), on 15 Jan. 1747-8 bought of his brothers Elisha Wolcott and Josiah Wolcott, all of Wethersfield, a piece of land containing about 1½ acres, bounded south on land of Elizabeth Wolcott, west on Timothy Wright, north on the heirs of Samuel Wright, formerly of Wethersfield, deceased, and on the heirs of Lieut. William Goodrich, east on the highway. The witnesses were David Goodrich and Charles Goodrich. (Wethersfield Deeds, 8:300)

(Comparison with the Wolcott Memorial shows that this man had brothers of these names.)

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Samuęl Wright Jr. and Abigail ye daughter of Jonathan Goodrich were m. 1 Jan. 1717-8 by the Rev. Stephen Mix, pastor of the First Church in Wethersfield. (Wethersfield B.M.&D. vol. 1: p.99)

Their children, (recorded on the same page) were:

1. Samuel, b. 28 May, 1722
2. Abigail, b. 11 Mch. 1723-4.
3. Rebecca, b. 7 Sept. 1726
4. LUCY, b. 26 Jan. 1728-9, dau. of "Capt. Samuell Wright."
5. Moses, b. 3 July, 1731, son " " " "

Capt. Samuell Wright dec^{d} 6 June, 1732.

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Apparently none of the children of Samuel and Lucy Wolcott were recorded in either the Town or the Church records of Wethersfield. Lucy Wright owned the Covenant, 21 Feb. 1742-3. Samuel Wolcott 2d owned Covenant, Jan. 1750-1. (Records of the First Church in Wethersfield, Conn.)

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Five, at least, of the children of Samuel Wolcott, Sr., were baptized and recorded here: Chloe, Nathaniel, William, Abigail, and William. The dates of their births as recorded by the Town Clerk, so nearly correspond to these baptisms that there is no room to doubt lest one of the Williams was the son of Samuel 2d.

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Samuel Wolcott, Sr., died in Wethersfield 11 Apr. 1800, aged 87. (Church Records, First Church)

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His Will, dated 17 Apr. 1798 and proved 25 Apr. 1800, mentioned his sons Samuel Wolcott of Sandisfield (Mass.), Wyatt Wolcott of Spencer town, Roger Wolcott of Walpole, Solomon, Nathaniel, and William; and daughters Mary, wife of David Mitchell, and Abigail, wife of Josiah Goodrich. (Hartford Probate, 26:10)

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27 June, 1732, administration was granted on the estate of Capt. Samuel Wright late of Wethersfield to his widow Abigail Wright, alias Dickinson.

28 June, 1732, Inventory presented by Daniel Wright and Jonathan Belding 13 Aug. 1731, Account and Division of the estate as follows:

To Abigail Wright, alias Dickinson,	£478-03-09
" Samuel, the eldest son,	318-15-10
" Abigail,	159-07-11
" Rebeckah,	159-07-11
" Lucy,	159-07-11
" Moses,	159-07-11

Noadiah Dickinson petitioned in right of his wife Abigail, that her dower be set off.

Moses Wright, aged 10 years, chose Noadiah Dickinson to be his guardian 7 July, 1741, Samuel Wright, aged 19, chose Jonathan Goodrich gdn. (His mother had a brother Jonathan Goodrich, who was probably the one.)

Abigail Wright aged 17, chose as gdn., Ebenezer Wright. (Probably her uncle.)

Rebeckah Wright, aged 14, chose Noadiah Dickinson, her "father-in-law" for her gdn.

6 Apr. 1742, Timothy Wright resigned as guardian to LUCY, a minor daughter of Samuel Wright, who now chose Rev. Daniel Fuller to be her gdn.* (Rev. Daniel Fuller married Lucy Goodrich, a sister of Abigail (Goodrich) Wright - Dickinson. In his Will, which is at Hartford, he makes no mention of his wife's niece; probably because there was none too much for bestowing upon his seven children and his (second) wife Mary.) **

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* (Hartford Probate Records, 11:207)

** (Ibid. 18:99)

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14 Apr. 1752, Samuel Wolcott of Wethersfield for £800, bought of Daniel Richards of Goshen, Conn., the three following pieces of land in Goshen:

1. 80 acres, more or less, whereon said Richards now lives, bounded east on the highway, Nathaniel Wilcox, & Samuel Talcott, north on common land and on Isaac Hill, south on Isaac Hill & Gideon Hurlbutt.

2. 20 acres, more or less, bounded east on common land, north on Gideon Wilcox, south on Isaac Hill.

3. 18 3/4 acres, bounded west on Cornwall line, north on common land or land laid out to Isaac Hills, east on the college farm and land of Isaac Hill. (Goshen, Conn. Deeds, 3:198)

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28 Mch. 1753, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen sold back to Daniel Richards 60 acres of the above land. (Ibid., 3:200)

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9 Apr. 1754, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen sold to Samuel Wright of same, land "which I purchased of Daniel Richards, 14 Apr, 1752, excepting 60 a. which I sold back again to Daniel Richards. (Ibid., 3:220)

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1 Dec. 1758, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen bought of Titus Hill of same, 4 acres in same, being the north part of the farm whereon Charles Wilcox now dwells, bounded north on Benjamin Miller, south on said Wilcox, and west on the highway. (Ibid., 3:446)

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2 Feb. 1759, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen, for £ 3, bought of Timothy Tuttle of same, a 3 acre right in common and undivided land in the 9th & 10th. Divisions of land in Goshen. (Ibid., 3:430)

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13 Oct. 1759, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen bought of Charles Wilcox of same 2 acres of the farm the latter then lived on, adjoining land previously sold him by said Wilcox. (Goshen Deeds, 4:48)

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8 Jan. 1761, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen, for £33, gave mortgage deed of land in Goshen with a dwelling house and shop thereon to Uri Hill of the same town. This property adjoined Benjamin Miller on the north and east, Moses Wright on the south, and the highway on the west; and contained 6 acres, more or less. (Ibid., 4:131)

4 Jan. 1763, Samuel Wolcott of Goshen, for £37, sold the premises above described "being the house and Land where I now Live." (This deed shows that the land owned by Moses Wright had been sold to one John Smith.) (4:146)

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3 Apr. 1756, Samuel Wright of Goshen, for £247-10, sold to William Wolcott of New Haven, the farm on which "I now live." (3:309)

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16 June, 1756, William Wolcott of New Haven, for the same remuneration, conveyed the above farm to Timothy Alling of New Haven. (3:319)

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5 Mch. 1757, Samuel Wright of Goshen deeded land to "my hond mother Mrs. Abigail Dickinson of Wethersfield." The land was "24 acres, more or less in Goshen, of the lot I purchased of Zebulon Frisby." (3:375)

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23 Mch. 1764, Mrs. Abigail Dickinson of Goshen, sold to Eliphalet Eaton of same, 20 acres near Nuthapoge pond. 4:195)

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31 July. 1766, Samuel Wright and Mary Wright, both of Goshen, sold to Solomon Wadhams of same, various tracts of land, one of which he had purchased of Samuel Wolcott, containing 18 3/4 acres and bounding on Cornwall line &c. (Goshen Deeds, 4:327)

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23 Aug. 1751, Samuel Wright of Goshen bought of Zebulon Frisby of same, part of said Frisby's farm in Goshen. (Ibid.: 3: 147)

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30 Mch. 1751-2, Samuel Wright of Wethersfield bought of Nathaniel Rice of Goshen about 70 acres in Goshen. (3:184)

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11 Apr. 1753, Moses Wright of Goshen bought of Samuel Thompson of same, land in same. (3:199)

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30 Mch. 1758, Moses Wright of Goshen sold to Charles Wilcox land in Goshen which he had bought of Samuel Thompson. (3:395)

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2 Feb. 1759, Samuel Wolcott's Survey Bill. 9th & 10th Divisions. Laid out to Samuel Wolcott on Timothy Tuttle's right in 9th & 10th Divisions 2 a. 60 rds. near the center of the town; begins at n.w. corner of said Wolcott's land purchased of Titus Hill; then to n.e. corner of land laid out to Dea. Thompson, now belonging to Benjamin Miller; s. on his own land; e. on Mr. Doud; n. on Benjamin Miller.

(Goshen, Conn. Proprietors' Records, 2:291)

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The foregoing pages prove the following points:

The earliest mention we certainly have of Samuel Wolcott (of Shoreham, Vt.) is his marriage in Wethersfield in March, 1750. That he remained in Wethersfield until 1752, going to Goshen sometime between 7 July of that year and 5 Mch. 1753; that he was still living in Goshen 4 Jan. 1763.

Samuel Wright, a brother of Lucy Wolcott, was the first of the family to leave Wethersfield and settle in Goshen. He was afterwards followed by Lucy and her husband, by his brother Moses Wright, and by his mother Mrs. Abigail (Goodrich) (Wright) Dickinson some where between 5 Mch 1757 and 23 Mch. 1764. She was successively widow of Capt. Samuel Wright and of Noadiah Dickinson. The former died about 1734; the latter by 1745.

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Whatever connection there may have been between Samuel Wolcott 2d and Samuel Wolcott, Sr., of Wethersfield, it is clear that they could not be father and son. That they were at least known to each other is seen by the deed from the older to the younger man. (Reverse direction p. 1)

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Having settled the identity of Lucy Wright who married Samuel Wolcott, Jr., her ancestry, as given in Stiles's History of Wethersfield, is given on the accompanying chart.

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Six acres of land bounded East partly on High St partly on Isaac Stevens land partly on land belonging heirs of Ezekiel Fosdick partly on Daniel Ayraults land, West partly on Simon Belden's land and partly on Highway, North partly on land lately occupied by Wm Beadle partly on Simon Beldens land and partly on Isaac Stevens land others, South partly on Elijah Wrights land, and partly on land lately Silas Dean's and partly on Filix Griswolds land with a dwelling house and all buildings thereon said tract being said Webbs home lot. to Sarah Chester John & Thomas Chester.

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1748 Tax list.
Abigail Wolcott
1 a home lot
Saml W 2 " " "
Elisha" 3 " " "
Elizabeth 2 2/2" " "
" 3 " " "
Joshua 2 heads

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Josiah & Elisha Wolcott qut cl deed to Samuel Wolcott bd East by Highway So by Eliz. Wolcott, West by Timothy Wright partly by Heirs of Sam'l Wright formerly of sd Weth & Lieut. Wm Goodrich late of sd Weth about 12½.

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The 2n. month & 28 day 1641 The lands of Clement Chaplin ((Elder to the Church of Christ in Weathersfield) lying in Weathersfield on Connecticut River one piece wherever his house & barn standeth con five acres one rood more or less. The ends abut against the corner of the green or common & Rose lane east, and lands not given west, the sides against the land of Js Tomson north and that reserved for house lot south.

Elisha & Josiah Wolcott qt Cl deed to Samuel Wolcott 1847-8 bd west by Timothy Wright north by Heirs of Samuel Wright deceased

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Vol 14 P 236 Josiah convey a piece of land formerly belonging to his gr grand father of Henry Windsor N 61768

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(sons)
My Present Mansion House Ollver Samuell
Oliver

Elizha, & Josiah Wolcott

Samuell Wolcot
Home lot with all buildings thereon 2332
58 acres land in the Third of Lots next Middletown
with a small mansion House 384-0-0
8 acres of Land in the above Division 56-0-0
one acre of Land in the Meadow 5-0-0
Six acres of Land in the West S 36 L 36-0-0

15 acres of Land on the East side of the Town of Boltom 26-0 0-
15 " " " " " West " " Bolton ~~850-0-0~~ 11-0 0

250 " " " Jn " Town of Wellington 250-0-0

7 Acres of Land at Norwich with building & orchard & other appurtances 28-0-0
6 acres home lot with the buildings and other appurtances there on 260-0-0-

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Vol 13 Page 258 Will and Settlement of Judith & Josiah Wolcotts estate

That the shares of said Samuell Wolcot Elispa Wolcot & Josiah Wolcot in the Lands belonging to either of the estates before mentioned shall be so much on the North Side ye home lot in P Weathersfield which formerly belonged to thier Grandfather Mr Samll Wolcot as was prized in the inventory of his estate at forty and Six Shillings, and so much so much in the Grass lot in Weathersfield meadows formerly belonging to thier Grandfather above named at Black bird (~~ground~~ pond) grond as was vallued at in Inventory at nineteen pounds and -- Shillings, also that the shares of the P Hannah Burnham Sarah Wells & Lucy Robbins shall all of the remainder at Black bird pond

Nixt South shall belong to Elizabeth Wolcott with Buildings
Next " " " Mrs John Stilman

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Inventory of Mr Samuel Woolcot of Weathersfield
June 14 1695

Mr Henry Woolcott

Entered March 5th 1753

(1) 2¾ acres and 18 ~~reods~~ rods more or less butted East partly (spelled (Wolcott and Woolcott)
(2)--West & South by Moses Wright East by Highway North by John Stilman. Between Home Lot of Dea John Stillman & Lieut Timothy Wright, Nov 25 1751
Entered April 2 1752
(3) ~~on-next-day~~ Entered March 6

Timothy Wright Sold Joseph Webb 1200 0 T Mar. 5 1753 2 a 1 rood thirty four rods Easterly 4,12 links partly on Land of Elizabeth Wolcott partly on Land of said Joseph Webb partly on Land of Ephriam Goodrich in Thomas Belding N 6, 35 Links Alaxander Mackey W. Josiah Back (or Buck) and partly on land of Thomas Belding 5.00 Link S on Land of my own 4.28 Links

(4) Samuel Jr (Wolcot)

(5) certain piece or lot of Lands 3 acres by estimation and 1 rood
Entered May 28th
Witnessed by Thos ~~Budg~~ Brigden
Elisha Killborn

. to
Silas Deane bd East on highway leading through Weathersfield town ~~bd as follows~~ No. belonging to the estate of the Late Mr Joseph Webb late of sa Weth. West on land belonging lately Capt Timothy Wright deceased South on land of Dea John Stillman being the lot of land lately belonging to Mrs Elizabeth Wolcott deceased and on which she lived containing by mensuration 2 a & 3 roods with Dwelling house & barn standing thereon Vol 12 p 286 John & Mary Stillman

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Bounded on North on land formerly belonging to Mrs Elizabeth Wolcott East on High St So on our own land & West on our own land Width in front 41¾ ft 51¾ ft deep Con. nearly eight rods with a dwelling house thereon to Silas Deane

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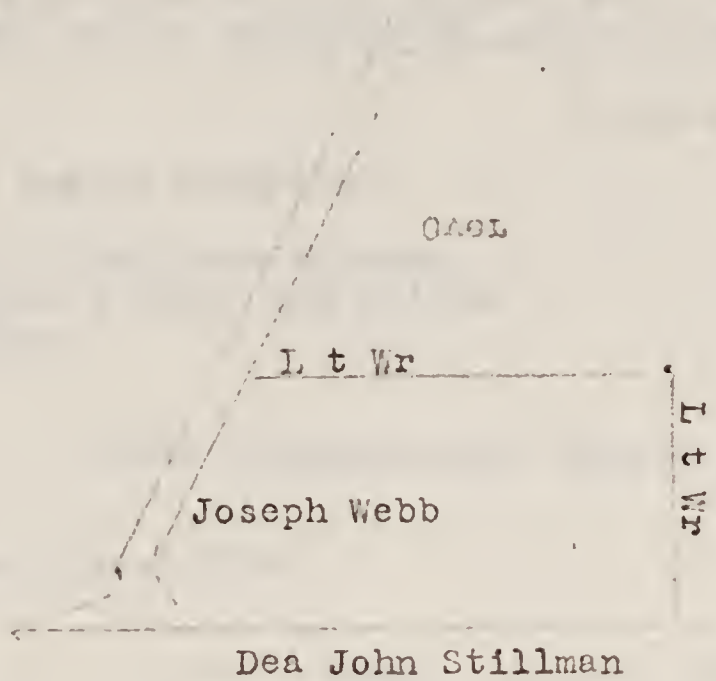
" 15 " 359 East on H yway West & North by land in my lawful possession. South on B Latimer Stillman

Over



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To Joseph Wilke by Ezekiel Fosdick

60 rods of land more or less East by Highway West on land of Ephrian Goodrich North by His own ld South by sd Joseph Webb

Joseph Webb of E ~~11~~-June 7 July

Eprian Goodrich

Dec 6 1752 1 rood of land East & South
on the sd Joseph Webbs W Lieut Tim Wright
N by Ephriam Goodrich

From Congregational Church records of
Shoreham, Vt.

Organization of Church 1794

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Philemon Wolcott	1796	Deceased 1732
Widow Lucy Wolcott	1798	" Jan.1809
	" "	
	~~1826~~	
Samuel "	~~1839~~	1825
Isabelle		Dec 1831
Amy	1810	" 18 1828
Jesse		Sept 18 1855

Olive wife Jesse 1816 by letter from the Church in Samsborough Died Dec 1829

Juddah Wolcott	Nov 4 1821	
Riley "	" 183	1831
Seymour	"	1824
Mrs Polly	to Church in Crown Point	1830
Almon		
Lucy	Removed	
Amy	Deceased --	

Vernon March 5, 1826
to Church in Moriah. 1840

Syble (May 2 1830) 1848 to Elizabethtown N.Y. 1848
Lumon Removed Dismissed
~~Removed to Church in Illinois~~

John Treat Recommended dismissed
Nancy Nov 4 1830 Dismissed by letter 1832
Lucy M Jan. 7, 1835 from Ch. by letter in Greenfield Mass
Harriet Nov 8 1835 Removed
Lydia Dismissed to Ch in N.Y.City

Emily T	Excluded 1837
Susan H	Removed
Seraph S	"
Hannah C 1836	Dismissed 1840
Rev Vernon April 3	by letter from Ch in Mariah
	Decease Oct 1847

May 6 1814 Voted unanimously to give the
Rev Daniel O Morton a call
Voted that the Committee consist of these members
Dea Josiah Pond Samuel Hunt and
Dea. Philemon Wolcott
Mr. Roger Wolcott & Wife Sept 1879

CONCLUSION

1. Spelling of the name is not much guide.

2. Second marriage is a way out, but no proof.

3. All tendency is toward Wolcott and FAMILY II reached far enough back to make a mistake not probable.

4. Letters given for what they are worth.

5. Who was the father of Samuel Wolcott who m. Mercy Fosdick, as stated.

I will pay a substantial sum for a conclusive answer.

The search back of said Samuel has not been at all thorough or extensive, and indeed but very little such search has been made. I believe the fact can be ascertained.

S. C. Evans,
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